

Consolidation Committee

January 15, 2013

Cumberland Public Library

Hayden Room 7 pm

Call to order 7:09 pm by Chairman Ron Champagne.

Roll Call – Ron Champagne, Mike Spaziani, Dana Jones, James Leonard, Norm Menard, John McCoy, James Scullin

Motion to accept the minutes from the December 4, 2012 meeting was made by James Leonard and seconded by Norm Menard. The motion was unanimous

Committee Reports –

Labor Committee

Mike Spaziani – labor committee meet to look at the different contracts. Right now they are looking at the non union workers. They are meeting in 2-3 weeks with the union.

Financial Committee

John McCoy – the financial committee is looking at equipment, maintenance and repair, occupancy, insurance, salaries and combined administrative functions.

Legal Committee

Jim Leonard – committee met to discuss by laws – making changes and substitutions. Getting approval from the districts is crucial. A resolution must be submitted to the general assembly legal council. The committee will be working on a resolution.

Media Committee

Jim Leonard – There have been no calls. Sent an email to Marcia Greene.

Building Committee

Chief Findlay – the committee hasn't had another meeting. He will review with the other members of the committee and report back at the next meeting.

Chairman's Report

Ron Champagne – a lot of time has been spent by the committee members to gather information and begin to create merger materials. He met with Councilor Scott Schmidt about concerns with joint cooperation between the Town Council Subcommittee and the Fire Consolidation Committee. He felt

they weren't far apart. Ron would like to work jointly going forward. There was discussion about the lack of attendance by the Merger members at the Council Subcommittee meeting. This was unintentional. The Town Council Subcommittee members are Scott Schmidt, Art Lambi and Bill Murray. They would like to meet jointly at a workshop and voice concerns in the spirit of going forward with joint goals. A meeting will be held February 4, 2013.

Public Comment –

A question of subcommittee meetings and open meetings law was discussed.

A lack of definitive time line was brought up. A time line with milestones that have to be met was discussed.

The next consolidation meeting will be February 5, 2013.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chairman Champagne at 8:15 and seconded by Mike Spaziani and Norm Menard, passed unanimously.